



Within Euxton Borders a news sheet, for residents by **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**



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Chairman's Column

Welcome once again to the December Issue 'Euxton Web' which details news and events in and around Euxton.

To anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor a vacancy has resulted after the decision taken by Mr T Cook to resign, details as to how to apply are on page 9.



The 'Gladman' application for development of the 'School Lane/Pear Tree Lane' area has yet to be placed before 'Chorley Development Control Committee' hopefully this should happen at the December meeting of this Committee, all up to date info will be on EPC Website (see article page 5).

As stated in the September newsletter regarding the delay, the planned work by Network Rail has now commenced, the delay being due for the need of a 'Specialist Contractor', hopefully the work will be completed on time, just before Christmas. Living on School Lane I know firsthand how much this has disrupted the traffic around the area especially around 'Peak Times' however the work has been needed for several years (see article page 4).

Great fun was had at the 'Mini Gala' held in October, there was a very good turnout, thanks must go to the organisers for their decision to make this happen after the Summer Gala was rained off.

Together with PCs Marilyn Bamber and Tony Reed, who is also a volunteer, I attended an Afternoon Tea held by 'Careline', the sandwiches and cakes were delicious and the ladies and gentlemen both volunteers and recipients of the service were good company as always.

A Defibrillator machine has been received and presented to 'Euxton Cricket Club' others are in the 'pipeline', the grant Euxton Parish Council gave to Euxton Villa Football Club helped towards public defibrillator system, photos inside, page 6.

Over the past few weeks there have been 'Litter Picks' and 'Bulb Planting' my thanks to both PC Aidy Riggott and the Clerk, Debra, for the organising of these, plus the residents and Parish Councillors for

attending and helping in the collection of all kinds of 'rubbish' left on the streets which were 'picked' the clearing of the area off Balshaw Lane and the lane to the Cricket Club of overhanging branches, plus the planting of the bulbs on the bank on Wigan Road, hopefully the daffodils will herald the start of Spring when they start to bloom.

Euxton again won a 'Silver Gilt' at the North West in Bloom presentation at Southport, I attended together with the Clerk and two of our Village Cartetakers, see photo page 6.

The Christmas Singing around the Tree, takes place outside 'weather permitting' (inside if inclement) on Wednesday 14th December. Look forward to seeing you there if you can make it, if not may I wish you and 'yours' on behalf of the Parish Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman

Join us for Christmas Carols



Come and join us in singing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree, accompanied by Coppull & Standish Brass Band. Following this the Parish Councillors wish to invite you in

to the Community Centre for hot drinks and mince pies.

This year the Council is asking for people to attend wearing **Christmas Jumpers** or **Christmas outfits** and or, **Christmas hats** (this is not limited to the children!) - we are having a change in the carols to include a few more songs which the children can join in with.

Wednesday, 14th December at 7pm

by the Christmas Tree in front of the Community Centre, Wigan Road by Papa Luigis (inside the centre if weather is inclement).

There are new 'Flashing' Christmas lights on the tree this year - I hope you like them.

This is a really festive event and Councillors look forward to it each year - hope to see you there.



Millennium Green Update

The improvements to the Green are now underway. Our contractor, DW Groundwork, has made a start on the improvements to the footpath around the outside of the Green and on the new footpath roughly across the centre of the Green.

We are sure that residents and visitors will appreciate the improvements when they are completed but we must apologise for the temporary conditions that will apply whilst the work is underway. The car park will not be available during this time as the contractor requires it for storage of plant, materials etc. The upgrade of the existing path will require users to move off it onto the grass to avoid the works as they move around the Green: so please make sure you have suitable footwear.

In case anyone is wondering, the various yellow markings across the Green define the line of the new path. It will pass through an area of young trees that were planted when the Council first took over the Green and we will have to remove a few. We have been able to pick a path where we only need to knock down dead or weak trees that really need removing for the better health of those remaining. We are sure that this new path passing through trees and across (on boarding) some open water and some boggy areas will add greatly to the interest of the footpath network on the Green.



Photos of first path to start, early November

We are also making progress on the project to install a large permanent pond on the site of the (sometimes there, sometimes not) existing pond. We have invited and received tenders for the role of designer and project manager for the pond and expect to select the successful tenderer shortly. Their first job will be to prepare a design and a cost estimate for the pond so that we can set about securing planning approval and external funding.

The Chorley Council Tree Officer met with us to help select the line of the new path as it passes by the several large mature trees near its route. These trees, unlike the young trees, are in a Tree Preservation Order. He noticed that one of these trees (one not affected by the new path) was festooned with a variety of fungi and in a very poor state of decay. It needs to be taken down, although superficially it looks in reasonable condition. The Tree Officer rightly pointed out to us that a tree in a very accessible piece of open public land is a different matter from one in the middle of an inaccessible area and that the Parish Council, as a public local authority, has a duty to protect users from falling branches etc. The Council hopes to retain the main trunk of the tree as a feature of the Green and a possible habitat for wildlife (such as woodpeckers or nuthatches).

We hope to be able to report much progress for the next newsletter.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhill

Project Manager for Millennium Green

Euxton Mini Gala

The Mini Gala, in place of the cancelled main Euxton Gala because of the weather conditions, was a great success.

The Parish Council attended with a table and Councillors gave out the Council's popular shopping bags and spoke with residents - whilst having a bit of fun also, see right.

Debra Platt
Clerk



Top: Cllrs Aidy Riggott and Eric Jones enjoying the lovely weather. Right: Cllrs Gemma Rypel, Simon Wellerd, Eric (again!) and Chairman Katrina Reed inside the school hall - next to the cake stall



Right: Councillors having a bit of fun - so why not have a bit of fun yourself and see if you can name any of the bagged Councillors!



Bowling & Boules Project Update

Following planning permission being granted in September to develop a Bowling Green at Greenside Recreational area, the Bowling Green Committee met on 27th October to consider the different elements involved to progress the project.

The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on Euxton Parish Council's web site.

As will be seen in the minutes, it was agreed to invite contractors to tender for the Bowling Green and ancillary works and it is envisaged that construction will commence in the New Year.

Councillor John Bamber
Chairman, Bowling & Boules Committee

New Seats and Noticeboards

As part of our ongoing drive to keep residents up to date and informed with all our news and activities, Euxton Parish Council has agreed to install a couple of new notice boards.

These will be located outside the new Community Centre in Buckshaw Village and on Chancery Road near to the entrance to Mimosa Close.

The Council is also in the process of installing some more benches at the request of residents and these will be located outside the Library on Central Avenue near to the Retirement Village in Buckshaw Village and one to replace the old one at the Bay Horse junction.

If you have any suggestions where a seat could be installed, or needs replacing, please do get in touch.

Councillor Aidy Riggott
Chairman All Purposes Committee



Litter Pick Success

Following a series of successful litter picks over the summer months, I was approached by residents at the recent Euxton Gala to arrange a couple more litter picks before the weather turned too cold and wet this autumn.

Therefore, over the last few weeks residents of all ages, along with Councillors and the Clerk, have been busy clearing litter and debris on both the Mimosa Close and Badgers Walk estates as well as along Chancery Road, Euxton Lane and all around the Yarrow Valley Car Park and up towards the Cricket Club.

Councillors and residents also gave the neglected footpath some much needed attention.

Councillor Aidy Riggott
Chairman All Purposes Committee

Bulb Planting

Euxton Parish Councillors and their families spent a sunny Sunday afternoon in October planting 100s of daffodil bulbs that had been donated to the Council by Chorley Council.

The main areas that were planted included the grass banking on the A49 opposite Euxton Parish Church and around the Councils new 'Euxton' sign and flowerbed opposite the Bay Horse pub.

A number of bulbs were also passed to RMG to incorporate into the winter planting schedule in Buckshaw Village. Hopefully residents will be rewarded with a blooming display in spring and for many years to come!

Councillor Aidy Riggott
Chairman All Purposes Committee



Top left: Cllr Gemma Rypel with her daughter
Left: Cllrs Vyn Thornhill, John & Marilyn Bamber
Top right: Cllr Aidy Riggott with family.



Above left group picked the footpath and road up past the Cricket Club, Above group picked all around Chancery, Brook House Grove, Right is the resulting washing and ironing pile!





Councillor Profile - Mervyn Thornhill

I have lived in Euxton for the past twenty-six years and retired about eight years ago. During my working life I was a civil engineer and project manager, most of it dealing with big road schemes for the Highways Agency (as it was then - now Highways England).

My interests for the main part lie outdoors. We have a large garden on the edge of the village which seems to get larger as I get older. Gerry, my wife, and I enjoy watching the wildlife that frequents the garden and the fields alongside. Unfortunately, as in some other parts of Euxton, the fields next to our house are allocated for housing, although there hasn't been a planning application yet - and the longer it stays that way, the better!

I still do a fair bit of walking but, another result of advancing age, the walks become shorter and less arduous and only happen in dry weather. I am generally interested in the wider environment - nature, history, architecture etc, whether on foot or on trips out in the car. Indoors I am the household chef and get great enjoyment from preparing food and even more from eating it, especially when accompanied by the odd drop of wine.

I have been a parish councillor for the last six years. My particular interests as a councillor are in the local environment, seeking to preserve what is good about Euxton and, if possible, improving it. I also prepare the monthly planning reports for the Council setting out what planning applications have been received and suggesting to the Council what our reaction to them should be.

Councillor Vyn Thornhill

War Memorial Wins Award

Towards the end of September I was asked to attend the Chorley Civic Society Bi-Annual Awards, at the Town Hall, this was made all the more enjoyable as the Euxton's War Memorial won an award.

Well done and a warm thank you to all those volunteers who contributed to this much needed Project which has given Euxton residents a focus for their Remembrance, not just on the 11th of the 11th month but every day throughout the year.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman



Above left to right:

Chorley Civic Society Awards Ceremony

Steve Berry from the Euxton War Memorial Group, Her Worshipful the Mayor of Chorley Cllr Doreen Dickinson, Jim Brotherston of the Euxton War Memorial Group and Simon Wellerd the Chair of the Chorley Civic Society

Network Rail Works

Earlier this morning, 11th November, together with Vice Chair John Bamber, Cllrs Chris Jones and Gemma Rypel, I visited the Network Rail Site on Euxton Lane, for an update from the site engineers.

The work is on schedule and at the moment going to plan, and hopefully should be completed just before Christmas.

At the time we were there the drilling had just commenced to clear all the mud etc from the drainage pipe.

Updates will be on the Euxton website as and when we receive them.

We all thanked the staff at the site for their endeavours in helping to solve the flooding problems the Euxton Lane area has suffered over the past few years.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman

Councillors Gemma Rypel, Katrina Reed, John Bamber and Chris Jones with Engineers on site



Defibrillator Project progress

Following the first unit purchased for the NW Ambulance Service, on the front page of the last issue, the second in was at Euxton Villa Football Club who the Council gave a grant to for providing a full public system at the entrance to its ground.

Euxton Cricket Club Committee accepted a CPR unit for use on match days and the outdoor housing was installed on Euxton Library for a public system.

The public system at the skate park site is going in November along with Greenside recreation fields.

Euxton PC Community Centre has received their unit for installation on the outside of the centre and St Mary's had been delivered their CPR unit.

This has been a very popular project, inspiring many to take to social media to like the progress being made with the installations.

I don't mind saying, I hope we never have to use this equipment but, now it is in place we have this option available.

Councillor Aidy Riggott
Chairman, All Purposes Committee



Top: Euxton Cricket Club Committee accepting the CPR unit from Cllrs Aidy Riggott and Katrina Reed.

Left: Cllr Aidy Riggott at the Library public system.

Below: Cllr Katrina Reed at Euxton Villa FC with Chairman Graham Keyte



Can you help us

We are asking for your help to check that all streets in the village receive the Euxton WEB newsletter.

Recently we have had distribution problems and have relied heavily on very generous volunteer delivers and Councillors to pick up routes not covered, and posting our to rurals.

This issue we have found a delivery company who can cover all the houses in the village in one drop (which is great) but as it is our first try we need your help.

When you get your newsletter drop us an email, or quick telephone call to tell us the street name and the date you received it - contact details on back page. This will be most useful. Thanks.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday the 13th November the village was able to have its first Remembrance Day service outside around the War Memorial. Last year we were all washed into Church with the rain.

The weather was good and those attending were joined by Churches Together ministers, vicars, deacons and priests of all the churches, Councillors from the Parish and Borough and the MPs representative.

The service was given by different Church representatives and Last Post and National Anthem played by a local resident, Alison Wareing - thank you to all.

The service was very well attended and much appreciated by all who were there.

Silver Gilt Success

At the North West in Bloom Awards Chairman Katrina Reed (centre), the Clerk, Steve McCarthy (left) and Ron Bridge (right) accepted the award at its annual awards ceremony in Southport.



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Planning Report

Please note that I have included the full planning reference for all planning applications discussed below. By logging into the Chorley BC website and using the menu at the bottom of the page to go to "planning" and then (under "popular tasks") to "view a planning application" you can submit the planning reference and will gain access to all the documents associated with the application, including the Parish Council's response where appropriate.

In September a planning application (16/00633/OUTMAJ) was submitted for a proposed new major incursion into Euxton's Green Belt. It is proposed to demolish Gleadhill House on Dawbers Lane together with the existing buildings that are close to it. These include two houses, stabling and exercise/training facilities associated with the Gleadhill Stud. The fact that the existing establishment at Gleadhill House would appear to be closing (no proposals have been submitted for its relocation) is surprising as it includes relatively modern development. The Parish Council could, however, have no objection in principle to its replacement by housing provided that the proposed housing met the requirements of the Chorley Local Plan for development in the Green Belt.

Unfortunately, the application goes well beyond that and takes the adjacent open field - a much larger area - to provide a total of 14 large new houses. The Parish Council has submitted a strong objection to this proposal as being unacceptable development in the Green Belt and has also expressed concern about the implication of the proposal for the future of the large area of farmland (at present used in connection with the equestrian business) that lies to the north of Gleadhill House. There has been no decision yet.

The proposed Gladman development (16/00489/OUTMAJ) has not yet been put before the

Chorley BC Development Control Committee. The Parish Council, acting with local residents, has submitted an objection to the proposal through their planning consultant. Gladman have recently submitted further details of the traffic flows associated with the development and their proposals for improving the junction of Pear Tree Lane with Euxton Lane. However, the Council's objection is on the grounds that this development is premature and not in accordance with the Chorley Local Plan and so the further details are generally irrelevant. The Parish Council, through Councillor Aidy Riggott, intends to speak against this development when it comes before the Committee and hopes that the Committee will reject it. If they do, Gladman may well take the matter to an appeal and the Council will then have to decide how best to progress its objection.

The nearby proposed development of 170 houses between School Lane and Euxton Lane (16/00380/OUTMAJ) was approved by Chorley BC Development Control Committee in August but a final decision is held pending completion of a legal agreement which may occur before this newsletter is published. The Parish Council objected to this proposal when the Chorley Local Plan was in preparation but did not object to this application which was in accordance with the approved Local Plan. However, the Council may wish to comment on or object to some aspects of the more detailed applications for this site which will be submitted in due course.

The Parish Council's own application for the proposed bowling green and boules court (16/00612/FUL) on land at Greenside was approved by the Development Control Committee in September and will be the subject of future articles in this newsletter.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhill
Lead Member for Planning

Skate Park Changes

Since the park was created in late 2012 it has proved very popular - which is a good thing but the heavy usage did create a slight problem.

Due to high footfall and visits by users and also family and friends standing around the grass edges watching - the grass in places could not take hold and grow and the loose soil washed down in to the drains whenever it rained.

The grassless patches did not look tidy and the loose soil issue needed to be solved, so the Leisure Committee considered a number of replacement surfaces for the grass edges.

Changing the edges to concrete was considered to be the long-term solution to solve the edge degrading and to clear off the loose debris issues.



This is an 'in progress' photo taken just before completion.

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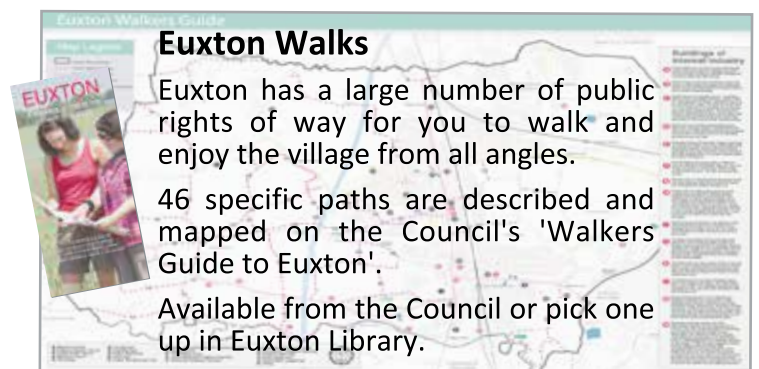
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Euxton Walks

Euxton has a large number of public rights of way for you to walk and enjoy the village from all angles.

46 specific paths are described and mapped on the Council's 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

Available from the Council or pick one up in Euxton Library.



Local Amateur Astronomer is over the moon !

Two years ago Steve Berry would never have imagined that putting an advert in this local newsletter would attract so many night sky enthusiasts.

Since February 2014 Euxton Astronomy or Euxtronomy as it is called, has gone from strength to strength and now has over 30 full members and many more visitors to the events and talks that the group put on each month.

Steve says ' The group has a wide range of interest from people who are just getting into astronomy to those who are seasoned amateurs who know the sky inside out !'

The group meets every month for talks by local eminent astronomers, they hold regular star gazing nights, go to the local pub quizzes and have an ambition to put an observatory somewhere in Euxton. He says ' There is a remarkable amount of enthusiasm for our ambitious plans and the group are a really nice bunch of people, we would really like to grow the group and so would welcome and encourage any budding night sky enthusiasts to come to our meetings and see what Euxtronomy is about'

Euxtronomy has a website, twitter feed, social media presence so if you would like to learn more about them, just 'google' Euxtronomy and you will be able to find them.

Euxtronomy@gmail.com

Balshaw Lane Primary School

There are exciting plans being proposed for Balshaw Lane Primary.

Many readers will be aware of the growing demand for school places in Euxton. As various building developments are increasing in the area, more primary places are needed. Lancashire County Council has proposed that our school should expand to help meet this need.

At present, we take 40 Reception children each year. From 2017, this will increase to 45. The council's proposal has been for our school to take 60 in Reception from 2018 onwards.

This would be great news as our school has always been over-subscribed and many parents have requested further places. Thank you to all the community members who expressed support during the consultation process.

Thanks also to all the prospective parents who came to visit the school recently for our 'Open Afternoon'. It was lovely to see so many of you.

We have had a super first autumn half term and are now preparing for our Curriculum Week, focusing on poetry. We will be linking work to Anthony Gormley's 'Another Place' sculpture, with the juniors visiting Crosby beach. 'Google Glasses' will be visiting us and letting us go places virtually. Sounds intriguing!

Next we will be looking forward to our Christmas events. The children's Christmas shows always provide the 'Aah' factor in the festive run-up. Our local senior citizens enjoy the performance as part of their party. We will complete our term as usual with our Christingle service, reminding the children of the true meaning of Christmas.

I hope you and your family all enjoy your festivities.

Helen Gregson, Headteacher




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Euxton Library Events

The Library holds many events and hosts a number of popular groups. All the future dates are below but here are some photos of some which took place since the last newsletter.

Coffee Mornings:

*1st Thursday of every month from 10:30 - 11:30am

January (5th) Judy Miller- "Derian House"

February (2nd) Norman Harris: "Pacific Coast Highway: Getty & the Giants"

March (2nd) Christine Pedersen: "Dog Training for Shows"

April (6th) Melanie Lathom: "Chutney & Cheer"

Other Activities:

Wednesday 14th December 'Holistic Living' with Mr Kumar 10.30am - 11.30am


Wednesday 21st December Police Surgery 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 4th January 2017 Bike Marking 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday 5th January 2017 *Winter Crafts 2:30pm - 4:00pm (*suitable from age 4 and upwards)

Wednesday 15th February Police Fun Day 2:00pm - 4:00pm (*TBC)

Thursday 16th February Half Term Crafts 2:30pm - 4:00pm

BIKE CODING

For those lucky enough to receive a bicycle from Father Christmas, the Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team will be offering free bike coding. (Includes scooters & skateboards)

Wednesday 4th January
2:00pm - 4:00pm
At Euxton Library

Part of the Euxton Healthy Streets Project

Regular Groups: (*Term Time Only)

NEW GROUP - Health & Well Being Group - with Dr Ramesh Gupta 10:30am - 11:30 am (*2nd Wednesday of the month)

*Baby Bounce & Rhyme Thursday 9:30am-10:00am

*Storytime Monday 2:00pm-2:30pm

'Knit and Natter' Friday 2:00pm-4:00pm

'Learn My Way' Computer Classes Monday 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Lancashire Dialect Reading Circle with Sid Calderbank Monday 10:30 am-11:30 am

'Health Walks' 4th Friday of the month meet at Euxton Library at 2pm.

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Thursday	09:30-12:30	13:30-17:00
Friday	Closed	13:30-19:00
Saturday	09:30-12:30	Closed



Gardening Club

The new Gardening Club meet every Monday afternoon at 2:00pm - come and join us.

New Nursery Nature Trail Nursery Euxton

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We are also offering advice about the Early Years Foundation Stage, and what it means for your child!

For more information please contact us, on: 01257 274255 naturetrailnurseryeuxton@gmail.com / or find us on facebook!

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

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Library meetings promote Health and Wellbeing for the Senior Citizens of Euxton...

It is difficult not to be aware of the many pressures faced by our National Health Service as people live longer, more complex and expensive treatments become available, and shortages of qualified staff become evident. Recent news of the problems at our own accident and emergency department at Chorley Hospital is a striking reminder that Euxton is not immune to these problems.

One part of the solution is to empower individuals and local communities to take control of their own health and wellbeing. Meetings will be held at Euxton Library. At these meetings we will be offering senior residents an opportunity to learn about some of the key issues involved.

At the first session in September, a group of senior residents met to hear a presentation on 'Wellbeing in Later Life'. They discussed how best to maintain and enhance their own healthy life styles focusing on the particular problems associated with trips and falls.

We invited Professor Romesh Gupta, OBE, former Consultant in Elderly Medicine at Chorley Hospital and Chair of the health promotional organisation 'The National Forum for Health and Wellbeing' to speak at this first event.

Professor Gupta, long-time resident in Euxton said, "I really welcome the opportunity to become involved in this important community initiative.

By 2020, 1 in 5 of the population will be over age 65, more than the number of under 16 year olds. The proportional growth in the population of the over eighties will be even greater. This is due to a number of factors including a better living environment and improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of ill health.

Increased individual awareness of the importance of healthy life styles has an important part to play in reducing the pressures on the NHS and in this series of meetings we will hope to build up this awareness

and so promote the health and wellbeing of Euxton residents.

An initiative like this shows how essential our libraries are to community health in its broadest sense."

The first meeting was very well received by those attending and it was agreed that future meetings would be held on the second Wednesday in each month commencing on

November 9th, 10:30am - 11:30 am.

Future meetings will provide a real opportunity to hear about mental and physical health related topics of particular interest to older people.



Participants will receive all the latest news and ideas from local health experts and have an opportunity to discuss them with fellow residents in a welcoming, friendly atmosphere. The range of topics to be covered, ranging from diet and diazepam to mobility and medication is so wide there is certain to be something there to interest everyone.

For further details of the programme including dates and topics for meetings contact: Euxton Library 0300 123 6704

Vacancy, Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Euxton Council and interested residents are invited to write in a letter of application to the Clerk.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

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Next meetings are:

5, 19 January

2, 16 February

2, 16, 30 March

We get excellent speakers, go on arranged trips and more besides call Sheila Ball on 01772 432037 or pop along to have a look.



Euxton WI

At our November meeting held at the PC Community Centre we all enjoyed at Hotpot lunch before our AGM. We had 5 invited guests - our tellers from Astley Park WI, our WI advisor Ann Royal and two representatives from Galloway's Society for the Blind which has been our charity this year.

We were delighted that our current President Karen Hartley was re-elected for a third year and also our present Committee was also re-elected.

Our programme for 2016/2017 is very varied with talks from various speakers as well as demonstrations.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch which this year will be held at Charnock Farm. Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th at the PC Community Centre commencing at 2pm so if you are new to the village or interested in joining us please do come along.

Alternatively for more Information please telephone Val Hough on 01257 270874. We are delighted to welcome visitors.

Val Hough

They are a friendly bunch and welcome new members warmly. You don't need to be an expert crafter or a star baker to join but there are lots of opportunities to learn new things if you wish.

Many potential members check out Buckshaw Village's Blog, Facebook page or Twitter feed before joining. You can also email or ring the Federation office for more information and attend three meetings as a visitor. New members need to be at least 18 years of age and there is no upper age limit. There is no obligation to join but if you like fun, learning new things and cake this may be right up your street.

Returning to the Winter Sparkle event, our Committee has just raised the bar for next years event, which is to exceed this year's takings. Are they up to it? Most definitely, they are the WI after all...

Meetings are held at Trinity School, Unity Place, Buckshaw Village on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more please get in touch they would love to hear from you.

Contact details: ring 01772 459020
www.buckshawwi.wordpress.com

Buckshaw WI Sparkle

Buckshaw Village Women's Institute is smiling from ear to ear. They have now counted the money raised from their stall at the Winter Sparkle event recently held in Astley Park in November in aid of Derian House.

In the days running up to the event, pinnies were donned as a hive of activity began in kitchens around Euxton, Buckshaw and other villages across Chorley and Leyland.



On the day the WI stall was weighed down with cakes, crafts and preserves as they hoped to exceed last year's total of £165. When it was announced at their November meeting that this year's grand total was nearly £700, a smile went round the room like a Mexican Wave. The stall had been a sell out.

Buckshaw Village WI celebrated their 5th birthday in October with a meal at Amelie's in Coppull. Since it's inception it has gone from strength to strength and the membership has grown to fifty one made up of women from different walks of life and who live in the villages around Chorley and Leyland.

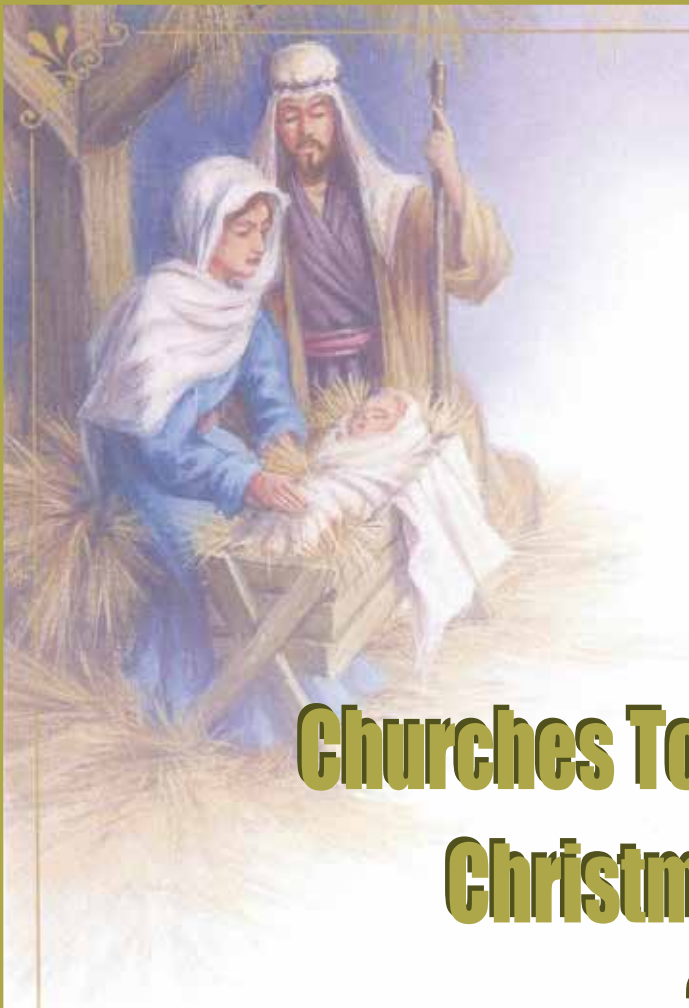


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St Mary's RC Church

Saturday 24th December
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Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December
12am Midnight Mass
10.30 Christmas Day Mass

Churches Together in Euxton

Christmas Services

2016

Euxton Methodist Church

Sunday, 18th December
10.30 am Children's Service and
Christingle
Everyone welcome, especially
young families,
To share in the greatest story
ever told.

6.15 pm Family Carol Service
Familiar carols and readings
together with time
for reflection. A must for
everyone.

Christmas Day
Sunday, 25th December
10.30 am Christmas Celebration
Half-hour family friendly,
Christmas Celebration
Giving thanks for God's greatest
gift.

Euxton CofE Parish Church

Sunday 18th December
6.00 pm Carol Service

Saturday 24th December
3.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Holy
Communion

Sunday 25th December
10.00 am Family
Communion



Christmas Police reminder.

Historically over the period leading up to Christmas there can be an increase in thefts from vehicles and property. To deter criminals we advise that you do not leave anything of value in unattended vehicles. Your vehicle keys should be hidden away and out of sight when not being used. As the colder weather approaches, it is advisable not to leave your vehicles unattended whilst the engine is running.

Please remember to keep your house and outbuilding's secure even when at home.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Euxton Neighbourhood Police Team Matt, Ray & Lee



Police Fun Day,
PCSO Ray
Chadwick having
fun in the dodgeball
pit at the Library

The dates for Euxton Pop In's with PCSO Ray Chadwick at Euxton Library are:

Monday 19th December 6pm - 7pm Monday 30th January 6pm - 7pm Monday 13th March 6pm - 7pm Monday 24th April 6pm - 7pm

For more information see Chorley Police Facebook page or via "In the Know" or email us direct via the Lancashire Police website:

www.lancashire.police.uk www.stayintheknow.co.uk

Neighbourhood Policing Team: Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw Villages

Sergeant Matt Moon 4057, PCSO 7696 Ray Chadwick PCSO 7776 Lee Reed

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally each third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm.

The meeting venue is mainly the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings:

Thursday, 13 December Thursday, 19 January
Thursday, 16 February Thursday, 16 March

Noticeboard Locations

Runshaw Lane shops; Highways Avenue shops; Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills; Wigan Road at St Mary's car park; Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive; Southport Road by the Skate Park; Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area; Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco.

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